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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The Ward 2 office will be open from 8—12 on Dec 30, and will be closed on New Years Day.

PAUL'S NOTE

This week, Arizona Stadium hosted our first bowl game of this century, the Nova Home Loans Arizona Bowl. Figures on hotel stays and overall impact to our local economy will not be available for a little while, but over 20,000 people attended. Three Tucson hotels served as “headquarters” for participants, with Colorado State’s team hosted at the JW Marriot at Starr Pass, the media hosted at the University Marriott and VIPS at the Lodge on the Desert. Preliminary estimates from Visit Tucson are that 10,000 room-nights were used by players, staff, band and travelling fans. For a game that was only announced in Octo-

ber, it was a great success. Congratulations to Ali Farhang and his team for putting this together and we are looking forward to bigger and better things next year.

I’ve long been a supporter of sports tourism in our community. Last month’s El Tour de Tucson brought in between \$17 and 25 million. Out-of-towners spend over \$3 million annually at the Fort Lowell Shootout. Spending by Major League Soccer teams in Tucson is expected to be \$1 million in January and February, and that doesn’t include fans that travel to the Desert Diamond Cup. This is to say nothing about the image that these events help sell of our community,

which helps attract more residents and businesses.

In January, Tucson is also playing host to some clinics for young athletes. Former U of A player Mohammed Tangara is hosting a skills clinic on January 27. It will be open to boys and girls and will take place at Pima College West Campus. You can e-mail Tangara for more information at reval-bigsda@gmail.com for more information. Former U of A and New York Yankees player Shelley Duncan will be hosting the Youth Baseball Experience with the Tucson Youth Baseball Association. You can register at tucsonyouthbaseballassociation.org.

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

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For the past few years, Lt. John Buckley has been on the command staff for our police division here on the east side. He will be moving on to work in the staff of the communications division. Operations Division East will also be losing Administrative Sergeant Frank Solis, who will be retiring after 39 years on the force. Happy retirement to Sgt. Solis and cheers to Lt. Buckley.

Coming into our side of town will be Lt. Alisa Cunningham. Cunningham (no relation) has had a number of special assignments during her twenty years in TPD, but her most recent experience has been as a patrol sergeant for Operations Division South. Taking over as administrative sergeant will be Jeremy Williams, who has filled that role for Operations Division East on a temporary basis before, but now will be filling that role after years of experience as a patrol sergeant on the east side.

I look forward to meeting with the two of them and working with them.

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I'm looking forward to a great 2016 for Tucson. I hope you all have a blessed new year.

TREECYCLE

Once again, residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson.

Please remember to remove all ornaments, decorations and tree stands before dropping off at the TreeCycle sites. Remember to Tree Pool! Bring your neighbor's tree—fewer trips means cleaner air.

Additionally, from January 4th through January 12th, 2016, the City of Tucson will have Merry Mulch (wood chips) from shredded Christmas trees available for pick-up at Udall Park, and the Los Reales Landfill. Bring your own container and take home some free wood chips for your garden.

Ward 2's Udall Park is one Treecycle location. For a complete list, please visit <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

NEW YEARS CLOSURES

All City offices, except for emergency services, will be closed on Friday to celebrate New Year's Day. Due to the holidays, residential and commercial trash and recycling will not be collected on those Fridays. All City of Tucson residents and businesses with regular Friday collections will have their trash and recycling service on Saturdays during the holiday weeks. The Los Reales Landfill will be closed on both holidays. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facilities will be closed this Friday and Saturday, as well as the following week.

The Saturday HHW Collection at the Eastside Service Center is canceled for January, but will return in February

FIRST DAY HIKES

Each year the National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) announces a national collaboration of all 50 State Park systems across America to sponsor guided "First Day Hikes" on New Year's Day.

Arizona's "First Day Hikes" offer individuals and groups an opportunity to begin the New Year on a healthy note, so get out those boots and take a hike! There will be 20 different hikes offered at 18 parks on January 1, 2016. A full listing of hike locations, difficulty and length, terrain and tips regarding proper clothing can be found on the Arizona State Parks website at AZStateParks.com/fdh. All of the First Day Hikes on January 1 are included with the day-use entrance fee to each park.

ALL HIKES: Wear warm clothes in layers, bring one liter of water, hat, sunscreen, good walking shoes, walking stick, binoculars and a camera for your hike! There are always good photo opportunities on these hikes. Also be sure to check with the park for details about the hike before you leave to be sure there are no changes to the hike for that day due to the weather. Some hikes require reservations and some don't allow dogs. Children younger than six years old may need to be carried throughout the hike so plan to hike with backpacks. Keep checking AZStateParks.com/fdh for updates.

For information about all 28 Arizona State Parks, the Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Programs and State Historic Preservation Office call (602) 542-4174 or (877)-MYPARKS.

Campsite reservations can be made online at AZStateParks.com or by calling the Reservation Call Center at (520) 586-2283. Open 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. Follow [AZStateParks](#) on Twitter and Facebook.

SENIOR OLYMPICS

Tucson Parks and Recreation presents the 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival. This festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health, and an active lifestyle among adults 50 years of age and older. Events include volleyball, bowling, bridge, racquetball, basketball shoot, pickleball, archery, golf, tennis, horseshoes, badminton, and so much more.

The 32nd Annual Senior Olympic Festival will feature nearly 100 events and activities at more than 20 venues throughout the City of Tucson from Jan. 9 to 31, 2016

Register through Dec. 31 at www.EZEEreg.com. Entry fee varies by event. Please visit the website below for more information on fees.

Note: Any registration postmarked after Jan. 1, 2016 will be subject to a \$3 per event late fee. No registrations will be accepted after Jan. 11, 2016 (or postmarked by Jan. 9). The event is open to ages 50 or older. For complete Senior Olympic Festival information visit www.TucsonSeniorGames.org. Contact Mike Davis at Mike.Davis@tucsonaz.gov or 791-3244 to have a book mailed to you.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Spring 2016 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The 2016 catalog is available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and the Ward 2 office. For questions or more information, contact the Registration Office at 791-4877.

TreeCycling: Residents can recycle their Christmas trees through the City of Tucson's TreeCycle Program. The program begins on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and continues through Tuesday, January 12, 2016. TreeCycle sites are located throughout Tucson and Oro Valley. Details and a complete list of TreeCycling locations can be found at: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/treecycle>

All Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Friday, January 1 for the observance of the New Year holiday.

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Please bring these items to the Ward 2 Office
for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Meetings are complete for the year. The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 5**. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

